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CHEREPOVETS, USSR

1. [] REVEALED AN INSTALLATION, 8 NM ESE OF CHEREPOVETS, SIMILAR IN PATTERN TO THE AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEX NEAR TALLINN, CONSISTING OF A DOUBLE SECURED AREA CONTAINING 5 HEXAGONAL EARTH SCARS WITH RECTANGULAR CLEARINGS BEING PREPARED IN EACH HEXAGON.
2. THE COMPLEX HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN COVERED BY 6 KH MISSIONS WHICH REVEALED CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ON A LIMITED SCALE IN THE SUPPORT AREA, ON ROAD FACILITIES NORTHWEST OF THE SUPPORT AREA, AT THE SUSPECT LAUNCH SITES, AND A POSSIBLE RAIL SPUR SERVING THE SUPPORT AREA.
3. THIS MISSION REVEALS TRACK ACTIVITY INTERCONNECTING THE VARIOUS LAUNCH SITES AND 2 NEWLY OBSERVED BORROW PITS. AT LAUNCH SITE "C", 4 AREAS OF GROUND SCARRING ARE PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAUNCH POSITIONS. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL SCARRED AREAS (385, 430, AND 370 FT) IS GENERALLY COMPARABLE TO THE DISTANCE BETWEEN CORRESPONDING LAUNCH REVETMENTS (340, 435, AND 340 FT) AT THE TALLINN AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEX. IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIVITY IN THE LAUNCH AREA, CONSTRUCTION HAS NOW BEGUN ON WHAT IS PROBABLY THE ELECTRONIC SITE FOR THIS COMPLEX. THE PROBABLE ELECTRONIC SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN THE FENCED AREA SOUTH OF THE LAUNCH SITES AND CONSISTS OF 2 SCARRED

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AREAS WHICH ARE PROBABLY HARDSTANDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION MEASURING 230 X 120 FT AND 180 X 165 FT, RESPECTIVELY. A THIRD AREA 165 X 130 FT, BARELY DISCERNIBLE UNDER THE SNOW, IS PROBABLY THE LOCATION OF A THIRD HARDSTAND. THE LARGEST SCARRED AREA IS PROBABLY THE CENTRAL HARDSTAND FOR THE SITE WHILE THE OTHER TWO AREAS ARE PROBABLY 2 OF THE 5 HARDSTANDS THAT WILL FORM A PENTAGON CONFIGURATION SIMILAR TO THAT SEEN AT THE ELECTRONIC SITE OF THE TALLINN COMPLEX. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CENTERS OF THE TWO PROBABLE HARDSTANDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS 775 FT WHICH COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THE 770 FT SEPARATION BETWEEN HARDSTANDS AT TALLINN. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN LAUNCH SITE "C" AND THE PROBABLE CENTRAL HARDSTAND IS 3,075 FT AS COMPARED WITH A CORRESPONDING DISTANCE OF 2,900 FT AT TALLINN. BASED ON THE COMPARABLE MEASUREMENTS AND THE SIMILARITY IN COMPLEX CONFIGURATION, THE SITE IS NOW DESIGNATED AS A PROBABLE AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEX SIMILAR TO THAT AT TALLINN. TWO BUILDINGS ARE NEWLY OBSERVED IN THE WOODS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE MAIN LAUNCH AREA. AN AREA OF GROUND SCARRING IS UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME. AT THE MAIN SUPPORT AREA, FENCING HAS BEEN EXTENDED NORTHWARD SINCE [REDACTED] TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR A PROBABLE MOTOR POOL. NUMEROUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSSIBLE RAIL SPUR IN THE SUPPORT AREA IS NOW CONFIRMED AS A RAIL SPUR.*

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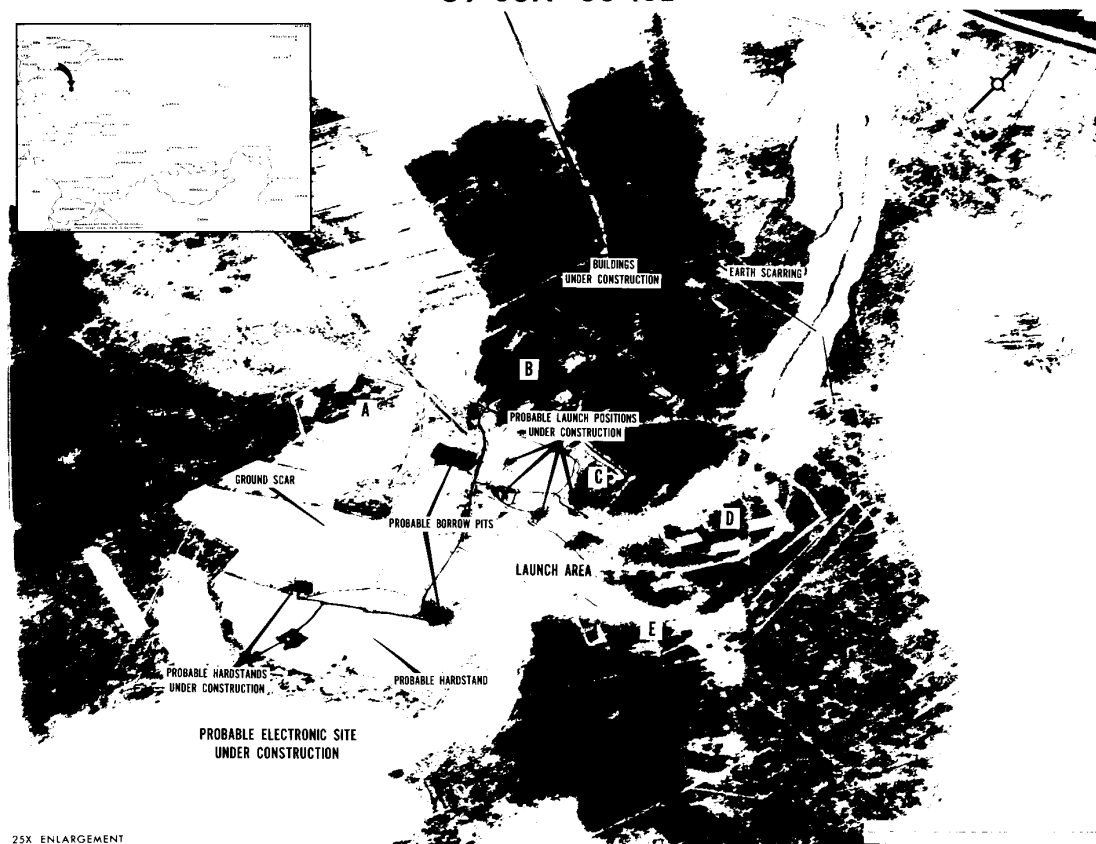
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